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In re Patent Application of)	
Gregory S. Andre)	Group Art Unit: 2112
Application No.: 09/955,961)	Examiner: Christopher Lee
Filed: September 20, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 1901
For: TWO LEVEL MULTI-TIER SYSTEM)	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-7, 14-26 and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Kimura (Japanese publication no. JP 409022380 A) in view of Yamagami et al. (Japanese publication no. JP 408272756 A) and pages 39-45 and 76-89 of the PCI publication (Shanley et al., PCI System Architecture, Third Edition, Mind Share, Inc., 1995). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In section 6 of the Action, beginning on page 12, the Examiner states that Applicant's arguments presented on page 10 of the response filed August 19, 2004, were not considered persuasive, for the following reasons:

A. The Action states that one of the features upon which Applicant relied on is his argument was not relevant to the claimed invention. Specifically, the